Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Education Committee

HB 2167

Brief Description: Changing the date by which challenged schools are identified.

Sponsors: Representatives Lytton, Haigh, Magendanz, Kagi, Dahlquist and Carlyle; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Changes the due date for the first and annual report of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction on challenged and persistently lowest-achieving schools to February, rather than December, of each year.

Hearing Date: 1/22/14

Staff: Megan Wargacki (786-7194).

Background:

In 2013 the Legislature required the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to annually identify "challenged schools in need of improvement" and those schools that are the "persistently lowest-achieving schools." Among other things, the OSPI's criteria must take into account the proficiency of all students and subgroups of students on state assessments and high school graduation rates.

The OSPI was required to make its first report by December 1, 2013. Graduation results are not available until the first week of December each year.

Summary of Bill:

The due date for the OSPI to identify challenged schools in need of improvement and the subset of such schools that are persistently the lowest-achieving is changed to February 1, 2014, rather than December 1, 2013.

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The annual due date for such report is changed to each February, rather than each December.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is

passed.